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"WITH THESE HANDS!"
URSELL! WHAT DIDJA DO?!
YA SAVED MY LIFE, BUT LOOK AT MY HANDS! WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HANDS?!
IT'S THE RADIATION! IT AFFECTS EVERYONE DIFFERENTLY!
THEY'RE THROBBIN'! GLOWIN'! FEELS LIKE THEY'RE ON FIRE--LIKE THEY GOT A LIFE OF THEIR OWN!
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YA TURNED ME INTA A BLASTED TROID!
I'M NO BETTER'N DETHSTRYK -- OR HIS OTHER SHOCKIN' FREAKS!
STOP! BE CARE-FUL! WATCH WHAT YOU TOUCH!
HOW DO I KNOW THIS AIN'T PART'A DETHSTRYK'S PLAN?
HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ONE'A HIS TROIDS?
CALM DOWN! THINK! USE YOUR HEAD! CAN'T YOU SEE I SAVED YOU?
AND GAVE YOU A FANTASTIC POWER!
YOUR HANDS ARE LIKE LETHAL LASERS!
WHAT EVER THEY TOUCH -- THEY DESTROY!
I'VE MADE YOU ONE OF THE DEADLIEST BEINGS ON EARTH!
YA MADE ME A FREAK!
I'M A WALKIN' TIME BOMB! CAN'T BE NEAR ANYTHING OR ANYONE!
WHAT'S TH' GOOD OF POWER IF I'M A LIVIN' DISASTER?!
NO! CONTROL YOURSELF! YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND!

WE'RE WASTIN' TIME! AIN'T NO WAY RAVAGE IS STILL ALIVE!
WE GOTTA KEEP LOOKIN'! IF HE ESCAPES AND DETHSTRYK FINDS OUT--
LOOK! OVER THERE!
SOME KIND'A LIGHT! MAYBE IT'S HIM!
IF IT IS -- HE'S A DEAD MAN!
LET'S GET 'IM!
IF MY HANDS'RE ON FIRE, WHY DON'T THEY BURN OUT?
NO FLAME CAN LAST FOREVER!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU--IT ISN'T FIRE!
IT'S SOMETHING FAR MORE POTENT!
FEELS LIKE TWO BLAST FURNACES--COMIN' OUTTA MY OWN FINGERS!
YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEX GENETIC EQUATION--
--SO THINK OF IT AS RAW KINETIC ENERGY--
--WHICH WILL FLOW THROUGH YOUR BODY--AS LONG AS YOU LIVE!
WHAT GOOD'S LIVIN' IF I CAN'T TOUCH ANYTHING?!
IT'S NOT AS HOPELESS AS IT SEEMS!
WHILE YOU SLEPT, I MADE THESE SPECIAL MOLECULAR GLOVES FOR YOU!
BRRRU

IF I BURN THROUGH EVERYTHING ELSE--
--WHY AIN'T MY HANDS BURNIN' THROUGH THE GLOVES?
I TOLD YOU--THEY'RE A COMPLEX MOLECULAR FORMULA!
BUT THEY'LL ONLY CONTAIN THE GLOWING ENERGY FOR SIXTY MINUTES!
Y'MEAN AFTER AN HOUR I'LL BURN RIGHT THROUGH 'EM?
ISN'T ENGLISH YOUR NATIVE TONGUE? WHY MUST I KEEP REPEATING?
HEY, DON'T BE A SMART-BUTT WITH ME!
WHAT GOOD'RE THESE THINGS IF THEY ONLY LAST AN HOUR?
TALK REAL, MISTER! HOW'M I SUPPOSED TA CONTROL TWO FIRES THAT'LL NEVER BURN OUT?!!
IT'S UP TO YOU!
IF YOUR WILL POWER IS AS STRONG AS YOUR RAGE, YOU'LL FIND A WAY! IF NOT--
--YOU'LL DESTROY YOURSELF--AND EVERYTHING ELSE YOU TOUCH!
THEY HAVE BUT ONE FUNCTION--
WE FOUND THEM!
DETHSTRYK'S KILL SQUAD! THEY'RE HERE!
WHO'D YA EXPECT? THE TOOTH FAIRIES?
--TO BUY YOU TIME--TIME TO LEARN TO CONTROL YOUR POWER!

LOOK! RAVAGE ISN'T ALONE!
HE'S WITH URSELL--THE BETRAYER OF DETHSTRYK!
WE'LL KILL THEM BOTH!
DETHSTRYK WILL REWARD US MIGHTILY!
KILL RAVAGE FIRST! THEN WE'LL SQUASH THE FOUR-LEGGED URSELL LIKE A GNAT!
SO YA TOLD THE TRUTH! YOU ARE DETHSTRYK'S ENEMY!
STAY BEHIND ME! MY KEVLAR COAT'LL STOP THEIR BLASTS!

YA SHOULD'A LET ME DIE, URSELL!
THEN NO ONE ELSE WOULD COME T'HARM BECAUSE'A ME!
BUT NOW, ONCE THESE CRUMMY GLOVES BURN AWAY--
--I'LL BE NO BETTER THAN THESE LOUSY 'TROIDS!
NO, YOU FOOL! IF YOU'D STOP THINKING WITH YOUR BLASTERS, YOU'D UNDERSTAND!
UNDERSTAND WHAT, LITTLE MAN? THAT WE'RE BOTH GONNA BE WORM FOOD IN THE NEXT FEW MINUTES?

WHY HAVE I HEARD NOTHING MORE ABOUT RAVAGE?
SURELY HIS BODY WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND BY NOW!
WHY NOT CONSULT THE SEERESS, SIRE?
CONSULT HER I SHALL!
LET HER COME FORTH, BY MY COMMAND!
I ANTICIPATED YOUR SUMMONS, DETHSTRYK.
THEN SPEAK, WOMAN! LET ME HEAR OF RAVAGE'S DEATH!

ALLOW ME A MOMENT, MY LORD, TO ABSORB THE PSYCHIC EMANATIONS WHICH--OH NO!
WHAT IS IT, WOMAN? WHAT DO YOU SENSE?
BY YOUR LEAVE, SIRE--I DARE NOT TELL!
I COMMAND THAT YOU SPEAK!
NOT EVEN YOU MAY REFUSE THE LORD OF HELLROCK!
THEN I MUST TELL--RAVAGE STILL LIVES!
AND IS MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER!
NOOOO!
AM I TO BE FOREVER PLAGUED BY ONE LONE NORMAL?!
AM I NOT DETHSTRYK, SOVEREIGN OF HELLROCK?
DO I NOT DECIDE WHO SHALL LIVE OR DIE?
DOES MY TOUCH OF DEATH NOT TRAVEL THROUGH PILLARS OR WALLS?
THAT NOISE! SOMETHING'S WRONG!
TO THE THRONE ROOM--IN THE NAME OF DETHSTRYK!

ARE YOU IN DANGER, SIRE? WE WILL --UNNHH!
YOU DARE DISTURB MY PRIVACY?!!
FOR THAT, YOU FEEL MY TOUCH OF DEATH!
HE KILLED THE CHAMBER GUARDS!
THEY WERE GUILT-LESS! HE'S GONE MAD!
I HEARD THAT!
YOU PRESUME TO CALL YOUR MASTER MAD?!
YOU'LL PRESUME NO MORE!
REMOVE THESE CARRION!
SEND IN NEW GUARDS!
I HAVE GIVEN WAY TO ANGER--BECAUSE OF A NORMAL!
HE SHALL PAY FOR THAT--A THOUSANDFOLD!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

TOM TALKS

I happened to be perusing the racks in ▬ of the comic book stores that I frequently haunt when a fellow four color culture-lover tapped me on the ▬. He had recognized me — probably from those less than flattering cartoons that have been appearing in MARVEL AGE and on this very page — and was surprised to find the idiot ■ chief of the (ta-da) world's largest comic book company loaded down with a healthy batch of the latest beauties. He was real curious about my selections, and wanted to know exactly why I was buying them. After all, a guy in my position spends most of his day working on, thinking about, and reading comics. It was obvious to him that I couldn't possibly be buying this bundle for my own enjoyment, right?

Wrong! I happen to be one of the luckiest comic book fans of all! I ▬ all of the Marvel Comics, receive freebies from lots of the other companies, and have access to ■ few well-stocked comic book stores and I still can't get enough of them!

I'm not alone! Most of the writers, artists, editors, production people and the countless others who are privileged to participate in this incredible industry ■ feel exactly the same! We're ■ here because of our love for this very quirky, but oh ▬ entertaining, medium. (I forgot to mention that four of my fellow professionals were also shopping in the store at that very moment.)

On behalf of us all, I'd like to extend ▬ sincerest gratitude to you, our loyal reader, for allowing us the unique opportunity to indulge in this fiendishly delightful enterprise. We couldn't do it without your enthusiastic encouragement and continued support.

Thanks for being there!

Tom D.

Here at Marvel, ▬ believe in togetherness! What else would you expect from the company that brought you MARVEL TEAM-UP, MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE, and MARVEL TRIPLE-ACTION? So naturally, Valentine's Day is one of our favorite holidays. In honor of this ultra-romantic day, we asked ▬ Marveloids who their favorite couple is in all of Marveldom, and why.

■ DARKHAWK penciler **Mike Manley** ■ a man whose heart is in the right place — but his spleen is slightly off-center. Mike chose Reed and Sue Richards, "because ▬ all probably wish ▬ wives would disappear sometimes!"

■ Letterer **Jack Morelli** ▬ had his heart painted cherry red by his wife, colorist **Christie Scheele.** Jack picked Black Bolt and Medusa, "because he doesn't get to speak, either!"

♥ Editor **Bobbie Chase** reminds us that somebody out there really does love the Hulk. Said Bobbie, "I'd choose Hulk and Betty — Hulk's only relationship in which he has to be the passive one — or else!"

■ SLEEPWALKER penciler **Kelly Krantz** also chose America's favorite gamma-irradiated couple, noting that "their relationship transcends the boundaries of physics!"

■ EXCALIBUR's ▬ **Davis**, who sends all his love from overseas, chose two of his own babies from that book. "I'd pick Captain Britain and Megan, for ■ the obvious reasons."

■ SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE penciler **Adam Kubert,** who thinks love means never having to say you're Spidey, chose Peter Parker and Mary Jane Watson. Explained Adam, "They're ■ couple of swingers!"

♥ **Rik Levins**, of CAPTAIN AMERICA-penciling fame, reminds ▬ that love, like the stars and stripes, ■ forever. Rik chose Cap and his current flame, Diamondback. His explanation: "Diamondback's recently suffered a complete personality change. I like that because it's totally unpredictable. No one knows what's going to happen. I don't even think Mark Gruenwald knows!"

♥ BARBIE scripter **Trina Robbins**, who thinks math really is tough, went for the classic beauty and the beast relationship of Alicia Masters and Ben Grimm, noting "It's terribly romantic. Both are different. Both ▬ misfits. Who could not like the Thing?"

■ DOOM 2099 writer **John Francis Moore**, who believes in the power of love — but believes ▬ more in the power of ■ Ghost Rider guest-appearance — chose Scott Summers and Jean Grey, because "in their reckless youth, they were the Dylan and Brenda of the Marvel era."

■ Scott and Jean were also the couple of choice ■ X-MEN penciler **Brandon** (no relation to Brenda) **Peterson**, who said, "My favorite couple is Cyclops and whoever Jean Grey is this month. Whether she's the alien Dark Phoenix, Madelyne Pryor, or just herself, the two ▬ always mutantkind's #1 couple!"

♥ QUASAR letterer **Janice Chiang**, picks another mega-odd couple. "I chose the Vision and the Scarlet Witch. ■ the eyes ▬ the window to the soul, then the Scarlet Witch must be very perceptive."

♥ NEW WARRIORS penciler **Darick Robertson**, who admires Speedball's ability to bounce back from a bad relationship, picks Marvel Boy and Firestar, because "They're ▬ darn cute! You can't miss out with the boy scout and the #1 girl scout of the super hero world!"

■ CONAN THE BARBARIAN penciler **Michael Docherty**, who says "The greatest couple has to be Conan and the she-pirate Belit, the queen of the Black Coast. Even though Conan married Zenobia in later years, Belit remained the great love of his life. She ▬ she would return from death, and did indeed to aid Conan in his time of need. ■ ain't Richard Burton and Liz Taylor, but it ain't too shabby, neither!

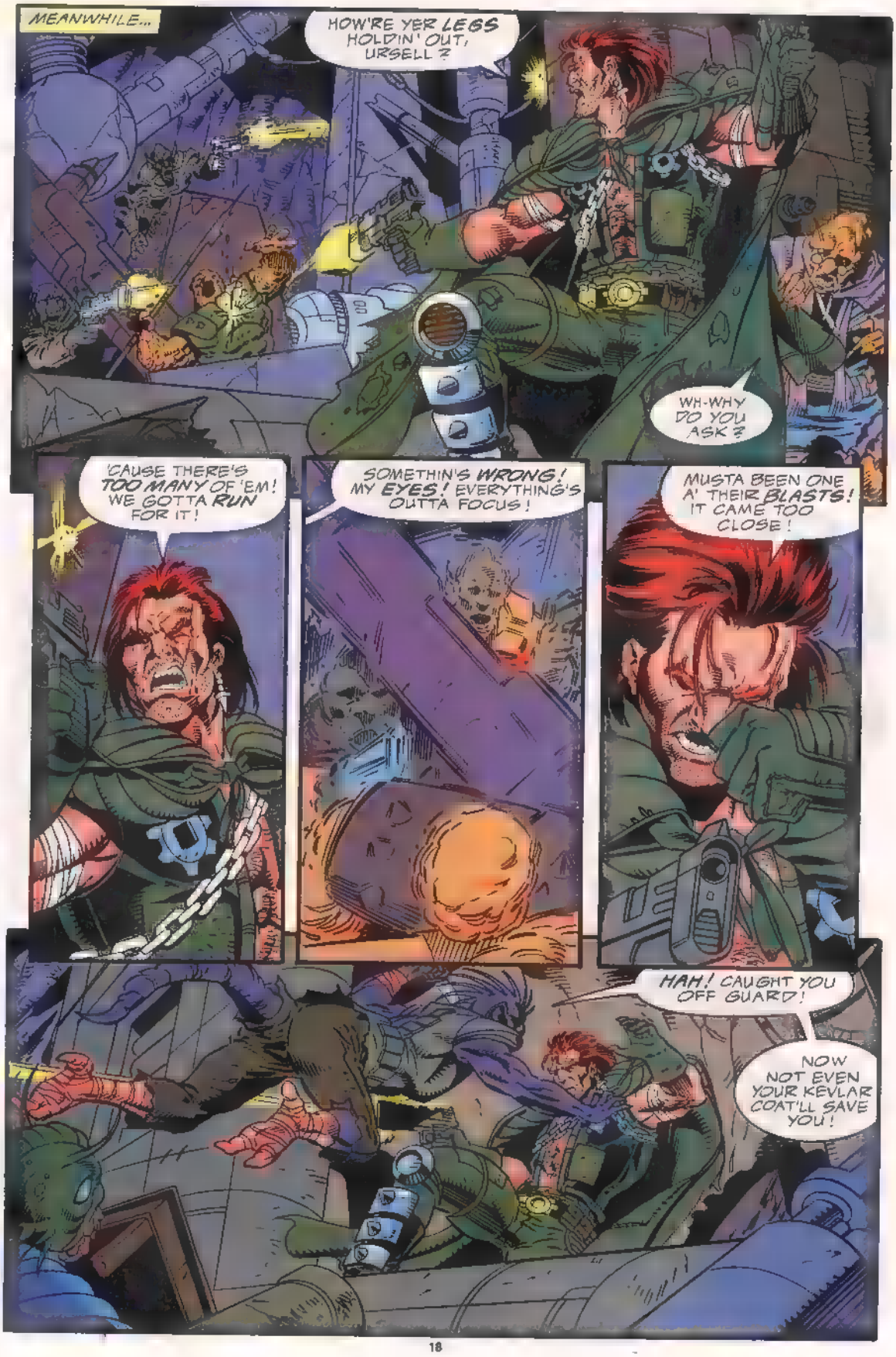
■ Finally we have X-FACTOR penciler **Joe Quesada**, who has ▬ achy-breaky heart condition, who said "My Valentine's Day couple would be **Stan Lee** and **Jack Kirby**, the greatest writer and artist team of all. What more could one ask for ▬ Valentine's Day?"

HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- **ALPHA FLIGHT #119:** The Wrecking Crew comes to town! Where's Dean Martin?
- **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #376:** Spidey wants to make a Cardiac arrest against Styx and Stone!
- **BARBIE #28:** Will you be Barbie's valentine?
- **DARKHOLD #7:** It's Pearl Harbor Day with **Dr. Strange** and **Modred the Mystic!**
- **DEATH'S HEAD 2 #5:** It's death times two as Death's Head 2 takes on UnDeath's Head 2!
- **GHOST RIDER #36:** GR's afte! **Mr. Hyde's** hide, and he's hiding from Succubus!
- **GROO THE WANDERER #100:** Cheese dip! Mulch! Hidden Messages! Face it — this is the big one!
- **GROO TPB: EXPOSE:** Classic Groo reprints, in case you didn't get the jokes the first time!
- **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #35:** The **Galactic Guardians** are trying to avoid Bubonicus like the plague!
- **LANCE BARNES, POST-NUKE DICK #1 of 4:** Lance accidentally triggers nuclear holocaust! Like they say on Fox, "Woops!"
- **MARVEL SUPER-HEROES #13:** It's an all-**Iron Man** extravaganza!
- **PENDRAGON 2 #10:** When **Baron Blood** returns, Union Jack's life is at stake!
- **PUNISHER WAR ZONE #14:** Frank enters a town of killers! Bet on Frank!
- **QUASAR #45:** Antibody, Presence, & Neutron vs. Quasar and the all-new **Shock Troop!**
- **RAVAGE 2099 #5:** Caught between a Hellrock and a hard place!
- **SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #208:** Conan enters the city of the Spider-God — and all his traveler's checks are stolen! What will he do?
- **SECRET DEFENDERS #2:** Who, or what is ... Macabre?
- **SILVER SABLE #11:** When HYDRA shows up, you just know there's gonna be trouble!
- **SLEEPWALKER #23:** You'll be wide awake as Sleepy walks through a minefield for FREE!
- **UNCANNY X-MEN MASTERWORKS:** Softcover reprint of the 1960's X-MEN #1-5. Classic mutant mayhem!
- **WILD THING #1:** Embossed cover! It's not the real **Carnage** and **Venom**, but an incredible simulation — kind of like Beatlemania!
- **WOLVERINE #68:** The X-Men guest-star as Wolvie takes on **Epsilon Red!**
- **WONDER MAN #20:** LA is under siege, and Wondy is on stage doing **MacBeth!**
- **X-MEN ADVENTURES #6:** It's a Saturday morning showdown between Wolvie and **Sabretooth!**

RELAX, TOUGH GUY! IT'S ME!
NOW LISTEN UP...
SO FAR, SO GOOD! KEEP LOOKING SICK!
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF HERE!
THAT GIRL! SHE'S NOT ONE OF OURS!
EMERGENCY
LOOKS LIKE I SPOKE TOO SOON!
GET 'EM!
NOBODY'S GETTIN' ME IF I CAN HELP IT!
SKIP THE SPEECHES AND START RUNNING, HALF PINT!
UH-UH! I DON'T LET NO FEMALE DO MY FIGHTIN' FOR ME!
THEN PITCH IN, SONNY! I CAN USE THE HELP!

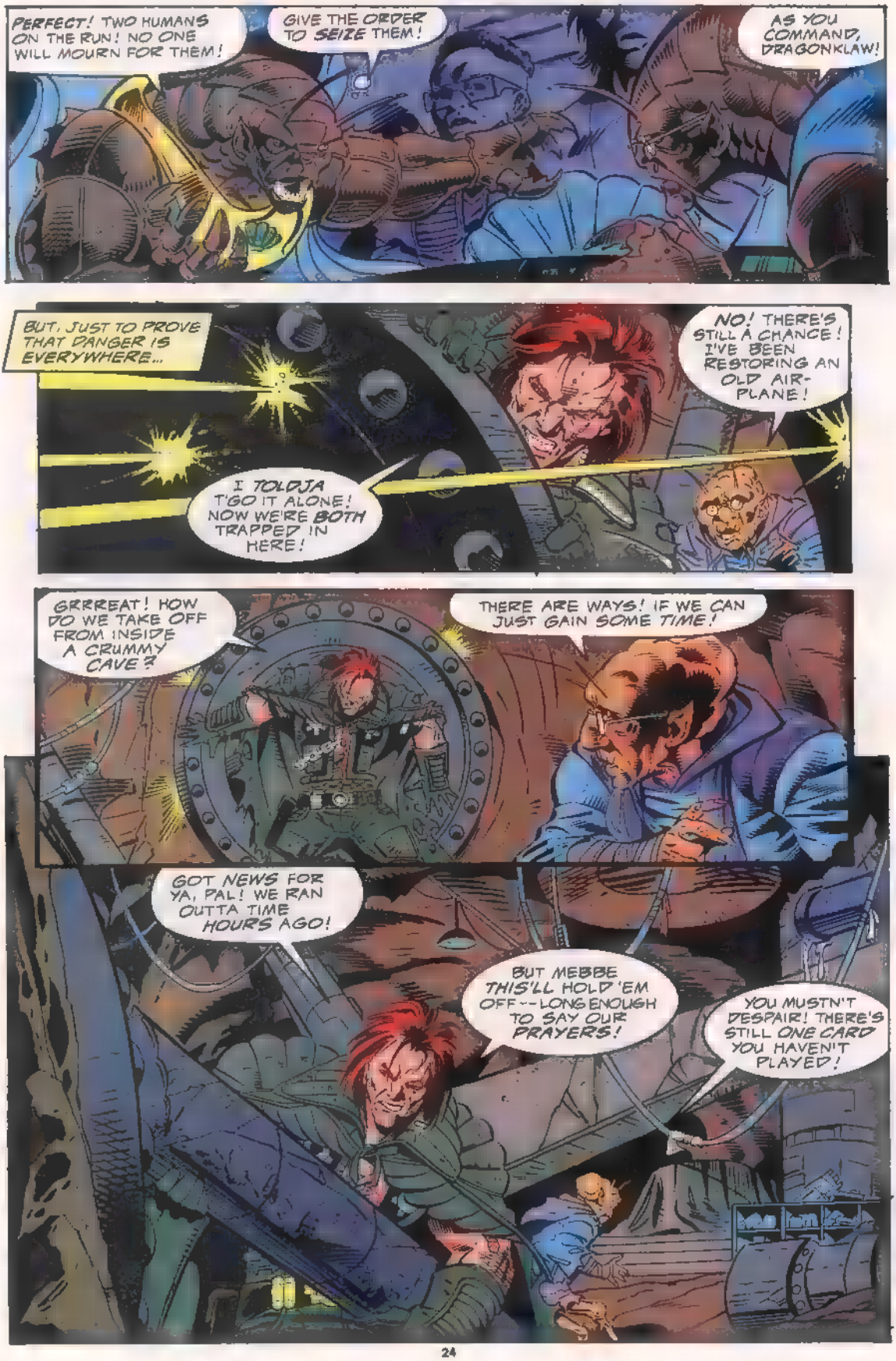
HEY LADY, YA WOULDN'T PICK ON AN INNOCENT LITTLE KID, WOULDJA?
LOOK, RUNT, THIS IS MY CHANCE TO SCORE POINTS WITH ALCHEMAX!
YEAH? WELL, HERE'S ANOTHER CAREER MOVE FOR YA!
HAPPY LANDINGS, BLONDIE!
HOLD IT! YOU KNOW THE PENALTY FOR RESISTING AN AGENT OF ALCHEMAX!
GUARDS! GET HIM! HE'S A POLLUTER!
HE'S TRYING TO ESCAPE IN AN ALCHEMAX UNIFORM!
HUM..?
DON'T WORRY, NURSE--WE'LL TAKE CARE'A HIM!
NO! I'M NOT--
SHUDDUP! WE'LL SHOW YA WHAT WE DO T'POLLUTERS!
FOR A GIRL, YER OKAY!
EXIT
FOR A KID, SO ARE YOU!


MEANWHILE...
HOW'RE YER LEGS HOLDIN' OUT, URSELL?
WH-WHY DO YOU ASK?
'CAUSE THERE'S TOO MANY OF 'EM! WE GOTTA RUN FOR IT!
SOMETHIN'S WRONG! MY EYES! EVERYTHING'S OUTTA FOCUS!
MUSTA BEEN ONE A' THEIR BLASTS! IT CAME TOO CLOSE!
HAH! CAUGHT YOU OFF GUARD!
NOW NOT EVEN YOUR KEVLAR COAT'LL SAVE YOU!

MAYBE MY COAT WON'T-- BUT MY PAWS WILL!
CHEW ON SOME KNUCKLES, YA SCRUD!
URSELL! WHERE ARE YA? I C'N HARDLY SEE!
I'M HERE-- STILL SHELTERED BEHIND YOUR COAT!
START RUNNIN'-- WHILE YA CAN! I'LL FOLLOW!
KEEP TALKIN'! I'LL HEAD FOR THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE!
I KNOW THESE CAVERNS!
I'LL FIND US A PLACE TO HOLD THEM OFF!
EVEN UNDER TH' GLOVES, MY HANDS'RE KILLIN' ME!
AN' I CAN HARDLY SEE! EVERYTHING'S BLURRIN' UP!
GO IT ALONE, MISTER! I'LL HOLD 'EM OFF-- LONG AS I CAN!
NO! YOU'LL MAKE IT! YOU MUST!
WE'VE GOT 'EM NOW! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!

MEANWHILE...
KEEP PROBING! DRAGONKLAW WILL HAVE OUR LIVES IF WE FAIL!
ITS INHABITANTS CALL IT NEW ATLANTIS!
THE SURFACE WORLD STILL DOESN'T SUSPECT ITS EXISTENCE!
INJECT MORE LIQUID! THE TWO TEST SUBJECTS ARE BEGINNING TO SUFFOCATE!
ONCE AGAIN OUR TEST HAS FAILED!
BUT WE MUST KEEP TRYING! ALL OF NEW ATLANTIS IS AT STAKE!
WHAT IS YOUR COMMAND, DRAGONKLAW?
WE WILL NEVER LEARN TO BECOME AIR-BREATHERS IN THIS MANNER!
ONLY BY STUDYING HUMAN SUBJECTS WILL WE LEARN HOW THEIR BODIES ABSORB OXYGEN!

RELEASE THE TEST SUBJECTS!
CONTACT OUR PROBE SHIP! HAVE THEY FOUND WHAT WE SEEK?
WE ARE STILL AWAITING WORD! I'LL ACTIVATE THE VIZISCREEN!
EXCELLENT! THEY ARE WITHIN STRIKING RANGE!
NOW, ALL THEY NEED DO IS FIND TWO VICTIMS WHO WILL NOT BE MISSED!
ONLY BY LEARNING TO BREATHE THEIR ACCURSED AIR WILL WE CONQUER THE SURFACE WORLD!
MEANWHILE...
LET'S WAIT HERE FOR A WHILE!
NOT EVEN THE CRUDDY PUBLIC EYE COMES TO THE STINKIN' WATERFRONT IF THEY CAN HELP IT!
PROBLEM IS -- HOW LONG CAN WE KEEP BREATHING ALL THIS FILTH?
SLOW DOWN, ZACK! WE MUST HAVE LOST THEM BY NOW!
I KNOW! I'M JUST RUNNIN' TO GET AWAY FROM THIS VOMIT-MAKIN' POLLUTION SMELL!
DUNNO, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN FACIN' MORE ALCHEMAX GOONS!
WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THAT WE'RE BEING WATCHED?


PERFECT! TWO HUMANS ON THE RUN! NO ONE WILL MOURN FOR THEM!
GIVE THE ORDER TO SEIZE THEM!
AS YOU COMMAND, DRAGONKLAW!
BUT, JUST TO PROVE THAT DANGER IS EVERYWHERE...
NO! THERE'S STILL A CHANCE! I'VE BEEN RESTORING AN OLD AIR-PLANE!
I TOLDJA T'GO IT ALONE! NOW WE'RE BOTH TRAPPED IN HERE!
GRRREAT! HOW DO WE TAKE OFF FROM INSIDE A CRUMMY CAVE?
THERE ARE WAYS! IF WE CAN JUST GAIN SOME TIME!
GOT NEWS FOR YA, PAL! WE RAN OUTTA TIME HOURS AGO!
BUT MEBBE THIS'LL HOLD 'EM OFF--LONG ENOUGH TO SAY OUR PRAYERS!
YOU MUSTN'T DESPAIR! THERE'S STILL ONE CARD YOU HAVEN'T PLAYED!

ONE CARD? MISTER, WE JUST LOST THE WHOLE DECK!
THEY'VE BROKEN THROUGH!
TAKE COVER! MAYBE THEY'LL CALL IT QUITS ONCE THEY POLISH ME OFF!
NO! THE BLOOD LUST IS UPON THEM!
KILL THEM! IN THE NAME OF DETHSTRYK!
KNOW SOMETHIN', URSELL? I SEE WHATCHA MEAN!
KEEP FIGHTING! IF YOU FALL--THEN EARTH IS DOOMED!
NO WONDER THEY BOOTED YA OUTTA THE PARTY! YOU'RE CORNIER THAN BREAKFAST CEREAL!
WE'RE SOME TEAM! I CAN HARDLY SEE--EVERY MUSCLE'S ACHIN'--
AND YOU'RE TOO OLD T'FIGHT N' TOO DUMB T'KNOW WE'RE LICKED!
BUT BEFORE WE CASH IN--ONE THING'S FER SURE--
THEY'RE GONNA KNOW THEY BEEN IN A FIGHT!

AWRIGHT, COME'N GET IT!
SINCE I CAN'T SEE YA SO GOOD, I'LL JUST PULVERIZE ANYTHIN' THAT MOVES!
DIE, HUMAN!
IT'S NO GOOD! THERE'S TOO MANY OF 'EM!
CRUSH HIM! VICTORY IS OURS!
I'M GOIN' DOWN!
NO ROOM T'BLAST 'EM OR SWING MY CHAIN!
URSELL! CAN'T HELP 'IM! HE'S BEEN HIT -- HE'S DONE FOR!
RAVAGE! DON'T LET ME DIE IN VAIN!
YOU CAN STILL DO IT!
WHAT? DO WHAT?!
YOUR GLOVES! TAKE OFF YOUR GLOVES!
OKAY! GOT NOTHIN' MORE T'LOSE!

STROOM!
THEY'RE OFF!
URSELL WAS RIGHT!
MY HANDS ARE RAW POWER!
THE PAIN-- IT'S BURNIN' INTO MY SOUL!
BUT NO MATTER HOW IT HURTS ME--
I GOTTA TAKE IT!
'CAUSE IT'S HURTIN' THEM EVEN MORE!

I DID IT! THEY'RE--AWW NOOOOO!
THE POWER'S TOO GREAT! IT'S CAUSIN' A CAVE-IN!
I'M THE ONLY SURVIVOR! DETHSTRYK MUST BE INFORMED!
I GOT ALL THE 'TROIDS--'CEPT ONE!
WOULD'A WANTED A CLEAN SWEEP--BUT WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
WISH I COULD'A SAID G'BYE TO URSELL...
...BUT IT'S TOO LATE NOW--
--FOR ANYTHING!
NEXT: VENGEANCE IS HIS!

RANTS & RAVES

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OUT OF MY HEAD

A funny thing happened on the way to the comic book rack.

Stan hit town last week, and in order to make this issue's deadline, he had to script the book from his hotel room. Sure, fine, business as usual, until Stan told us he didn't have anything to write *with*. No computer, no typewriter, not even a pen.

So Sarra and Aaron, our new intern, sat here sharpening pencils to send to the Man. Stan volunteered to write the issue in longhand (in the fine tradition of Balzac, Dickens and Poe). It looked liked this 21st century book was going to get done by 19th century means.

But somebody upstairs liked us: Matt Ragone, that is. Matt let us borrow his laptop, but the idea of giving it to one of NYC's bicycle messengers to bring uptown sort of set our teeth on edge. It may not have survived an especially bumpy ride.

Bundling the fragile (and not very portable) computer into a taxi, the driver turned to me and said, "This is a good luck day! You're my very first customer ever!"

E ticket city.

Dear Joey and Sarra,

RAVAGE is one of the best comics I've ever read! Ravage isn't one of those bleeding heart super heroes that doesn't want anyone to die.

Paul Ryan's drawings are great. Don't change pencilers any time soon.

I don't really think it's possible for one man to take on a big company like Alchemax without weapons and a highly trained team of soldiers. Ravage should start a band of outlaws living in the sewers called the Savages. 'Nuff said!

Well, until Ravage becomes a cry-baby, Make Mine Marvel!

Jordan Angle
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So you think Ravage should get himself a crew, Jordan? What do you say we put it to a vote?

Dear Ravage Crew,

What a man. Ravage is now at the top of my list. When I first saw him, I thought he was just another kill-for-no-reason hero. I really didn't even plan to buy any issues of his comic book.

That shows how wrong I was! Stan Lee and Paul Ryan have created another hit. I read the first issue and enjoyed every minute of the plot. Paul-Philip Ravage, supervisor of Eco, is an innocent believer that Alchemax is good. He's framed and becomes Ravage. Good story. Paul Ryan makes Ravage even better. A green coat made bulletproof in issue #2. A gun. A dagger earring. Long red hair. Perfecto! Let's not forget the Chevy hubcap shield or the sharp cogs.

You impressed me. Sheesh! Well, until Ravage becomes a wimpy mama's boy, Make Mine Marvel!

Zach Peacock
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Stan and Paul spent a lot of time coming up with Ravage's duds, Zach, and they're still refining and updating his look to keep him fresh. Wait'll you see what they come up with next!

Dear Stan et al,

Thanks for bringing us Marvel "back to the future" in RAVAGE 2099. As a charter member of the Merry Marvel Marching Society, I've been a fan of yours for three decades now, and it seems you're just hitting your prime.

The whole concept of Ravage, a top executive betrayed by his own peers, parallels the career of another renegade hero of mine, who took a chance to break away from the mainstream in the early 60's and create a new genre of comic book writing that endures today. Thanks for coming back to us, Stan. I hope you continue to "ravage the competition."

Pete Fredriksen
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Marvel makes a point of trying to keep a step ahead, and it's a tradition started by Stan! Fans like you make it all worth the effort, Pete.

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

RAVAGE 2099 is awesome! How about the idea of giving Paul-Phillip his own company, his own Ravage, Inc.! It's an exciting idea, considering he was the best combat specialist in the Alchemax corps, and could train others. A company of his own? Not bad for a super hero in the 90's, 2099 that is.

And about the weaponry, I guess one man's junk is another man's treasure.

I have two questions. Will there ever be a crossover between Ravage and the rest of the new age of super heroes?

In SPIDER-MAN 2099, there was talk about a fifth 2099 comic. I believe in Marvel tradition, it should be a mutant. Will it?

Make Mine Marvel...2099 that is.

Joe Dobzynski
(Address withheld by request)

We're planning a crossover in the very near future! (One that, we promise, will last longer than this issue's!) As for the fifth 2099 title, it's called 2099 UNLIMITED, and features Spidey and another incredible hero. We're using it to test some new concepts, and delve more deeply into the lives of the current crop of 2099 characters. See you there, Joe!

Dear *Rants*,

I wanted to be the first letter to say congrats! It's the coolest comic book I've seen in a long time. It's the story and artwork I love. Ravage is the coolest, gnarliest guy I ever saw in a comic. The kevlar is a super idea for armor. So are cogs for throwing stars! Great! But I want to know where will Ravage keep his weapons? You know his guns, ammo cartridges, and spare armor?

I just can't get enough of reading RAVAGE 2099. Well, until Tom DeFalco publishes his own autobiography and leaves Marvel (never), Make Mine Marvel!

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Paul's already hard at work on a special base for Ravage. As for Tom's autobiography, the idea has possibilities, Jayson. Tom could call it *My Way or Else*, or *Galactus is My Co-Pilot*, or...why yes, Mr. DeFalco, this issue's ready to go to the printer's, just as soon as we tell everybody about...

NEXT ISSUE: You might think that from the looks of our last page, that there might not be a next issue! O ye of little faith! We may not be able to tell you what happens to the *hero* of our little opus, but you better believe there's gonna be a new *villain*! Meet him for the first time, *next time*!!

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

SPIDER-MAN 2099 #6 Speaking of new villains, the one that closes this particular issue is gonna blow you away! Spend time with Spidey "Downtown!"

DOOM 2099 #4 "Fire Answers Fire" In the suspenseful conclusion to the Tiger Wylde epic! The winner gets the throne to Latveria...and it ain't a tag-team match!

THE PUNISHER 2099 #3 Don't miss that "Last Exit from the Bronx"...unless you want Jake Gallows to pick you up for speeding! The strongest issue yet!